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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 3676**

Attorney Docket No. 3962 P 023

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Christopher G. Walls, et al.

Application No.: 10/659,761
Confirmation No.: 4840
Filed On: September 10, 2003

For: SPINDLE FOR A DOOR HANDLE
ASSEMBLY

Examiner: Gary Wayne Estremsky

Art Unit: 3676

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified Application. Applicants are other than a small entity. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply. Applicants believe that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in these fees to Deposit Account No. 23-0280. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

No additional fee for the Amendment is required.

					Small Entity		Other Than A Small Entity		
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra		Rate	Additional Fee		Rate	Additional Fee
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TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE									\$0

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Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra Claims.

Respectfully submitted,

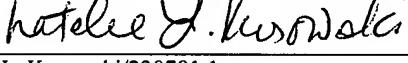
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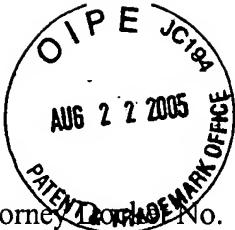
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 19, 2005

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Dear Sir:

This is a Reply to the Office Action mailed May 19, 2005. The original period of response to the Office Action is a shortened statutory period of three (3) months from the mailing date. Accordingly, the time period for response is August 19, 2005, and this Reply is submitted within that time limit. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in the present Application in view of the Amendments and Remarks below.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.